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Letter dated 26 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my country's capacity as Chair of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, I have the honour to forward herewith the final communiqué adopted at the summit meeting held in Luanda on 25 March 2014, with the request that it be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 26 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Mini-summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region held in Luanda on 25 March 2014

Final communiqué

At the initiative of His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola and Chairman of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, gathered in summit session in Luanda on 25 March 2014 the Heads of State and Government of the Conference Committee of the Great Lakes Region, namely His Excellency José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola, His Excellency Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, His Excellency Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo, and His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa as a special guest.

The Heads of State and Government reviewed the ways to speed up the materialization of the deliberations from the last summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, held in Luanda on 15 January 2014.

The Heads of State and Government took note of detailed information from His Excellency Joseph Kabila on the situation in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on the efforts that this Government is undertaking aimed at concluding the process of demobilization and reintegration into society of the former M23 fighters, and recalled the need to mobilize financial resources to this effect.

Furthermore, he informed the meeting of the results of the activities carried out by FARDC to neutralize ADF and continue with the pacification and stabilization of the region.

The mini-summit took note of the report of the meeting of Chiefs of Staff held in Luanda on 24 and 25 March 2014, and endorsed the following recommendations:

1. Adopt a common approach for fighting against negative forces while taking into account that their activities are highly fuelled through illicit trade of natural resources. Such an approach could include but not be limited to blacklisting of companies or individuals trading with these forces. Political and economic sanctions should be taken against all negative forces.
2. Strengthen regional and international cooperation in identification and neutralization of leaders of all negative forces still active in the region.
3. Consider the quick repatriation, in collaboration with the United Nations, of the ex-M23 elements from Uganda and Rwanda which constitute a burden for the two countries.
4. Commend the promulgation of the amnesty law by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and call for speeding up the implementation of

the Nairobi Declaration in order to facilitate the resolution of the issue of ex-M23 elements.

The mini-summit commended the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the results and encouraged it to undertake and pursue similar actions against FDLR.

As regards FDLR, the Heads of State followed the explanation by His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, and by His Excellency Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of the Congo, and recommended coordinated efforts aimed at:

- (a) Continued repatriation of those willing to disarm and return voluntarily;
- (b) Engaging urgently military actions against those unwilling to disarm, in line with the recommendations of the Chiefs of Defence Staff.

The Heads of State and Government also reviewed in detail the overall security situation prevailing in the Great Lakes region and in southern Africa and have recommended relevant measures.

The Heads of State commended His Excellency President José Eduardo dos Santos for his efforts to find peaceful solutions to the conflicts in the Great Lakes region and expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome and hospitality which contributed to achieving a successful outcome of the mini-summit.